

June 20, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Each Electrical Utility's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended)
Docket No. 2019-185-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
Docket No. 2019-186-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)

Dear Ms. Boyd,

On June 17, 2019, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP,” and together with DEC, the “Companies” or “Duke”) filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) in the above-referenced dockets a letter requesting to administratively close Docket No. 2019-176-E and stating their intent to address the provisions of newly enacted S.C. Code Section 58-41-20(A) related to “each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary” (the “PURPA Implementation and Administration Provisions”) under the utility-specific dockets (Docket No. 2019-185-E for DEC and Docket No. 2019-186-E for DEP) opened at the direction of the Commission. The Companies stated that they intended to file a proposed procedural schedule in Docket Nos. 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E in the near future given the Commission’s upcoming statutory deadline by which to issue a decision in those dockets.

Given that the Companies intend to file a single application and identical testimony in these proceedings, just as they did in the pending avoided cost case in Docket No. 1995-1192-E, the Companies request to consolidate Docket Nos. 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E for administrative purposes. The Companies propose the following procedural schedule for the consolidated dockets:

DEC/DEP Direct Testimony: August 14, 2019

Intervenor/ORS Direct Testimony: September 11, 2019

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DEC/DEP Rebuttal Testimony: October 2, 2019
Intervenor/ORS Surrebuttal Testimony: October 11, 2019
Hearing: Week of October 21, 2019

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not object to this proposed schedule.

In order to move this case forward under the statutorily-imposed timeframe, the Companies request the Commission expeditiously consider this request and approve the proposed schedule set forth herein. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803.988.7130.

Sincerely,



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